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H. R. 3628

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for amounts paid for insurance for medical care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 1998

Mr. GREEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS PAID FOR INSUR-**
4 **ANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-
6 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
7 additional itemized deductions for individuals) is amended
8 by redesignating section 222 as section 223 and by insert-
9 ing after section 221 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 222. INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE.**

2 **“(a) DEDUCTION ALLOWED.—**

3 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**In the case of an individ-
 4 ual, there shall be allowed as a deduction for any
 5 taxable year an amount equal to the applicable per-
 6 centage of the amount paid during the taxable year
 7 for insurance (including amounts paid as premiums
 8 under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security
 9 Act, relating to supplementary medical insurance for
 10 the aged) covering medical care (as defined in sec-
 11 tion 213(d)(1)) or for any qualified long-term care
 12 insurance contract (as defined in section 7702B(b))
 13 for the taxpayer, and his spouse and dependents.

14 **“(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—**For purposes
 15 of paragraph (1), the applicable percentage shall be
 16 determined under the following table:

“For taxable years beginning in calendar year—	The applicable percentage is—
1999	45
2000 and 2001	50
2002	60
2003 through 2005	80
2006	90
2007 and thereafter	100.

17 **“(b) COORDINATION OF DEDUCTION.—**No amount
 18 taken into account under subsection (a) shall be taken into
 19 account in computing the amount allowable to the tax-
 20 payer as a deduction under section 162(l) or 213(a).

1 “(c) COORDINATION WITH EXCLUSION.—No amount
 2 excluded from income under section 125 shall be taken
 3 into account under subsection (a).”.

4 (b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED IF INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT
 5 ITEMIZE.—Subsection (a) of section 62 of the Internal
 6 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to general rule for ad-
 7 justed gross income defined) is amended by inserting after
 8 paragraph (17) the following new paragraph:

9 “(18) INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE.—The
 10 deduction allowed by section 222.”.

11 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 12 for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code
 13 is amended by striking the item relating to section 222
 14 and inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 222. Insurance for medical care.

“Sec. 223. Cross reference.”.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 16 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 17 December 31, 1998.

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